February 2, 2018

The Honorable Phil Roe  
Member  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Donald Norcross  
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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Roe and Representative Norcross:

I write to thank you for your leadership in support of strengthening and safeguarding the multiemployer pension plan system, including your recent introduction of the GROW Act.

For 70 years, millions of middle class workers and their families have relied on the multiemployer pension system to secure their retirement, but outdated rules and regulations have kept these plans from modernizing to keep pace with changes in the economy. As a result, some of the system’s largest defined benefit plans are at critical risk of insolvency and even plans that are healthy need to make structural changes so they can protect retirement security for workers in the years to come.

Preserving benefits for our members and ensuring their secure and dignified retirement are among our highest priorities. Thanks to the GROW Act, workers will still receive lifetime income, and the benefits that they earned under their traditional multiemployer plan are protected even after they are shifted onto a GROW plan structure. This legislation modernizes and strengthens the multiemployer system and offers a fiscally responsible way forward, enabling pensions to maintain fiscal solvency.

I commend your leadership on this critically important issue, and we call upon Congress to protect the future of millions of American workers by securing approval of the Grow Plan without delay. On behalf of our members participating in the multiemployer system, thank you for your support. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Sean McGarvey  
President

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